

The Arrowsic Arrow

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December, 1993

Dear Reader,

The fifth or sixth annual Holiday Party will be held at the Town Hall on December 22 at 6:30. Included in the festivities will be the Arrowsic Singers, and The Arrowsic Players performing the sequel to the "Arrowsic Fable" (written by Nancy Brown Stump) the first half of which had its world premiere at last year's party. Bring cookies or cider if you have some to share, or just show up— treats are definitely not mandatory. Come on over and say hello to your neighbors, and laugh and sing along.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Even though most of us don't want to even think about this yet, when the time comes, **please shovel around your mailboxes for our dear postman, George.** The mail truck needs 30 to 35 feet to maneuver in and out. Thanks for taking the time.

Speaking of mail, just a reminder- all you have to do for stamps is write out a check to Postmaster, Georgetown with the amount of stamps you want, and leave it in your mailbox. George will deliver them to you the next day.

The Selectmen's second meeting of the month will be on Monday, Dec 13 at 5:30 PM. There will be no meeting Dec 27. The next meeting will be Jan. 10, 1994. Happy Holidays!

Special thanks to everyone who showed up for the Union 47 budget hearings.

FROM THE TOWN CLERK, DEBORAH BASSETT

Reminder: Dogs must be licensed by January 31st or a \$3.00 late fee will be charged per dog.

The new 1994 Hunting and Fishing licenses are in.

The Community Bulletin Board is available to post anything you have for sale. Some people have already had results.

FROM THE TAX COLLECTOR, NANCY BROWN STUMP

The following registrations are due in these months.

December, 1993

APPEL, JAMES
BROWN, CHARLOTTE
CAMPBELL, SHERMAN
CARLTON, ANN
CHAFFEE, JOHN W
COOMBS, JAMES
COST, WILLIAM T
DRESSER, CAROL H
GALUZA, ANDREA L
HARCOURT, PATRICIA
HO, MANLI
JONES
JOZEF TARA DESIGN

KALISH, ROBERT J
LEVESQUE, VICTOR C
LEVESQUE, VICTOR C
MITCHELL, ROBERT D
MITCHELL, ROBERT D
MORRISON, HOWARD
PEABODY, RONALD
PHINNEY, WILHELMINA
PHINNEY, WILHELMINA
PROCTOR, RONALD G
RICHARDSON, JOAN
STONE, JOHN F JR
STORIN, KEIKO
WEISS, SANDRA W
WHITE, JOHN L SR

January, 1994

AINSWORTH, CAROL A
ARSENAULT, JAMES E
BRAWN, CHARLES W
CARLTON, CELIA
DAVIS, NANCY A
ELWELL, DEBRA A
GILES, SAMUEL D
GILL, DEBORAH S
GRILL, CHRISTOPHER
KAHRL, FRED J
KIMBALL, CAROLYN G
MCLUER, JOHN W
MILLER, ELLEN W

OCONNOR, JAMIE R
PILARSKI, THOMAS J
PINETTE, JEFFREY
ROSS, WILLIAM L
ROSS, WILLIAM L
ROSSIGNOL, TIMOTHY
SHULTZ, ROBERT E
SIMMONS, WILLARD
SPAIEN, GAIL E
SPERLING, WALTER J
STINSON, LUCY E
STONE, JOHN F JR
THURLOW, SIDNEY L
VONHUENE, ANDREAS

A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BEN AND JERRY'S: Did you know that every morning 100,000 children wake up homeless? Did you know that every 32 seconds, about the time it takes to put on coffee, a baby is born into American poverty? Did you know that every night as we go to bed, 27 children die because of poverty? And every 14 minutes while we shower and brush our teeth a baby dies in America before its first birthday. Join us in our campaign to speak out for kids, and LEAVE NO CHILD BEHIND. Send for your free citizen's action kit: Children's Defense Fund; PO Box 75086; Wash DC 20013, or call 1-800-CDF-1200.

To the editor,

I would like to thank our school board members, Alice Sperling, Don Hudson, and Eloise Vitelli for their appeal to Union 47 during the 94-95 administrative budget proceedings. In a year of belt-tightening, our board stood alone in questioning the advisability of, and voting against, a raise in the superintendent's salary. The salary went from \$66,240.00 to \$68,558.00: an increase of \$2,318.00 in a year when many other line items were reduced.

Sincerely, Nancy Brown Stump

FROM THE SELECTMEN.....

On November 22 the selectmen met with several residents who expressed their concerns about biweekly trash pickup. Specifically, they were concerned about the new schedule, about private door to door pickup, and about the way the issue was presented at town meeting. By recommending biweekly pickup at the town meeting, the selectmen intended to save the town money, and to encourage recycling.

We will be soliciting opinions on the entire trash issue and will be holding public hearings next Spring on our options for trash disposal. In the meantime, we have asked the recycling committee to furnish the following comparison.

| | <u>1992</u> | <u>1993</u> |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Service charge for hauling trash (T&R)..... | \$840 per month | \$585 per month (Troiano) |
| Tipping fees per ton..... | \$60-70 | \$35 |

Expected annual savings with the biweekly trash pickup: **\$6,000-\$7,000.**

TONS OF TRASH HAULED:

- * Oct. 1992: 14.1
- * Oct. 1993: 8.6 (before the magazine bin)
- * Nov. 1992: 9.1
- * Nov. 1993: 8.8

NEWS FROM THE RECYCLING CORNER.....

Arrowsic saves money by recycling

The more we recycle, the more money we'll save, because the recycling charge is \$2 per person regardless of volume of recyclables whereas the cost of hauling trash is charged on a tonnage basis, i.e., the more trash, the more we are charged. That's the bottom line, and that's the motivating force behind the decisions made by the Recycling/Solid Waste Committee.

For example, one of our grant requests to the state was refused because the grantor felt we weren't doing enough to encourage recycling. This year we re-applied for the grant and this time we could point out that we've reduced our trash pickup to every other week. This is an example of how the state is pushing individual communities to encourage their residents to recycle more. It is working in Arrowsic, our figures comparing October and November of this year with last year show that we've reduced our trash by almost six tons.

The less trash we haul off-island, the more money we'll save. That's why we need to recycle as much as we can. **We can now recycle magazines, catalogs, and all that junk mail.** This should reduce our trash bill even further.

REMINDER: Please smash those cans. Flat.

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETS AT THE TOWN HALL THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED. WE MEET NEXT ON JANUARY 13.